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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Jia Ping Li, Pierre Jean François Layrolle, and) Examiner:
Klaas de Groot) Kathleen A. McNelis
Serial No.: 10/647,022) Art Unit:
Filed: August 18, 2003) 1742
Title: POROUS METALS AND METAL) Conf. No.: 1537
COATINGS FOR IMPLANTS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2006. Kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.